

Remarks

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. It is requested that the present Amendment be entered since it will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Examiner.

The abstract has been amended to make a number of editorial revisions thereto and to contain less than 150 words. No new matter has been added.

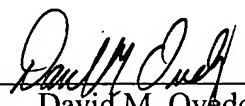
Claims 3 and 10-12 have been amended so as to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. Further, claims 13 and 14 have been amended so as to place them into a form that more closely corresponds to claim 1. It is submitted that these amendments do not significantly alter the claims, and therefore, will not require any additional search or examination by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. The claims remain patentable for the original reasons of allowance.

The present Amendment was not submitted earlier since the necessity of the amendments was not earlier noticed and the application was allowed in the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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